

## DHS Milestones

April 14, 2003

- **Day 50**, joint release with Edward G. Callister Foundation of results of Dan Jones poll on substance abuse. Key findings include identification of substance abuse as a serious issue facing their city or town and support for use of public funds to expand school and/or community prevention programs. Additionally, 52% of respondents reported knowing a friend, neighbor, or coworker with a drug or alcohol misuse problem; 19% say that they or someone in their immediate family has such a problem.
- **Day 50**, Office of Recovery Services interactive web site launched whereby custodial and non-custodial parents can access specific case information including payment information, case status and balance/monthly due information as well as submit new address, employment and insurance information on-line.
- **Day 75**, received notification from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that DHS has been awarded a \$1.3 million "Real Choice" grant designed to enhance Utah's capacity to provide effective long term care services. Includes a major component on making information and resources available through the web.
- **Day 109**, Funding of State and Local Health and Human Services Task Force convenes whose purpose is to review and clarify the role and responsibility of the state and local governments with respect to operating and funding human services.
- **Day 134**, Division of Substance Abuse launches initiative aimed at prevention of binge drinking and drugging on college campuses
- **Day 142**, Department distributes 2002 Employee survey to assess employee satisfaction and input into improving their work environment and client service delivery.
- **Day 147**, Office of Recovery Services achieves record collections of \$164.4 million for FY 2002 or a 6.4% increase over FY 2001. \$138.8 million were child support collections with \$116.7 million distributed directly to children and families, \$5.7 million to DHS agencies on behalf of children in state care and \$21.4 million reimbursed to the federal and state government to reimburse for public assistance benefits paid out. Medicaid collections totaled \$16.7 million with additional Medicaid cost avoidance of \$87.7 million
- **Day 148**, transfer of responsibility for Youth Services from Division of Child and Family Services to Division of Youth Corrections complete.
- **Day 156**, Legislature approves consolidation of Divisions of Mental Health and Substance Abuse to provide for more efficient administration of these two entities.
- **Day 164**, Division of Aging and Adult Services releases results of statewide survey of older Utah residents. Purpose of survey was to assess health status and assistance needs, levels of informal and formal service utilization, social participation patterns, attitudes and preferences regarding a variety of service provision options, and degree to which individuals plan for their retirement needs.
- **Day 169**, Division of Youth Corrections receives \$1,000,000 Reentry grant from Department of Justice. Grant is designed to ensure public safety and reduce victimization by providing education, job and life skills training and substance abuse treatment to youth offenders to assure their successful reentry into the community. The Department of Corrections also received a \$1,000,000 grant for adults and the Division of Substance Abuse is a partner in their program.

- **Day 179**, Medication Management Checkbook campaign launched in collaboration with KUTV Check Your Health Campaign
- **Day 192**, selection of Delta Sands, a senior apartment complex in Delta as first rural initiative site to bring computer technology to seniors
- **Day 206**, United Way Community Impact Partnership Campaign Kick-Off, in response to 2002 needs assessment strategies will be developed to address four key areas: Providing the Basics, Helping Kids Succeed, Supporting Health and Wellness, and Stopping Abuse and Addiction
- **Day 207**, e-REP contract with IBM completed; work to begin on September 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **Day 208**, groundbreaking on Canyonlands Youth Center in Blanding
- **Day 210**, new Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health created and operational
- **Day 300**, deployed the web-based Utah Tobacco Access Reporting System (UTARS), a joint effort between DHS and Department of Health to help enforce laws against tobacco sales to minors
- **Day 374**, legislation enacted to transfer public assistance fraud and overpayment functions from Office of Recovery Services to Department of Workforce; this completes transfer of all DHS functions to DWS
- **Day 381**, new rules for licensure of foster homes are effective
- **Day 391**, deployment of web-based provider billing system (e-520) replacing a paper intensive process with one where input, verification and approval for all provider payments is completed on-line
- **Day 395**, Governor's recommendation to add 51 new caseworkers and trainers for the Division of Child and Family Services is adopted by the Legislature
- **Day 395**, Legislature adopts Susan Gall Involuntary Commitment Amendments to modify standards for commitment to mental health treatment
- **Day 395**, Legislature adopts package of bills that further clarifies roles and responsibilities of Department and Counties serving in their role as the local authority for mental health and substance abuse
- **Day 397**, Groundbreaking on new Youth Corrections facility in St. George
- **Day 403**, deployment of Web-enabled Treatment System (WITS) which will make available self-administered assessment software to both public and private licensed treatment providers; this self-administered assessment has been shown to reduce clinician time per person by 50%
- **Day 409**, Division of Aging and Adult Services launches new senior-friendly web site with option to magnify written words for easier reading; special section added to inform seniors how to avert cyber crimes
- **Day 410**, Open House for fully operational Delta Sands, "Connecting Seniors" project site
- **Day 418**, Groundbreaking for new Christmas Box House Children's Shelter in Ogden
- **Day 422**, completion of computerized Addiction Severity and Measurement Instrument (ASAMI) used to make treatment placement decisions consistently statewide

- **Day 425**, Department receives Annie E. Casey Foundation grant award to assist the Foster Care Foundation with implementation of “cluster” model of support services to foster parents throughout Utah
- **Day 425**, deployment of web-based Contract Management System that tracks the status and progress of all department contracts